

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph at page 1, after the title of the application:

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Please add the following heading at page 1, before line 2:

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

Please add the following heading at page 1, line 5:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 25-28.

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

It is therefore an object of the invention to provide an improved catalyst composition for use in the production of esters. It is a further object of the invention to provide a catalyst composition which may be used in the production of polyesters and which produces a polyester of reduced yellow colouration compared with known titanium-based catalyst compositions.

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

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**EXAMPLES**